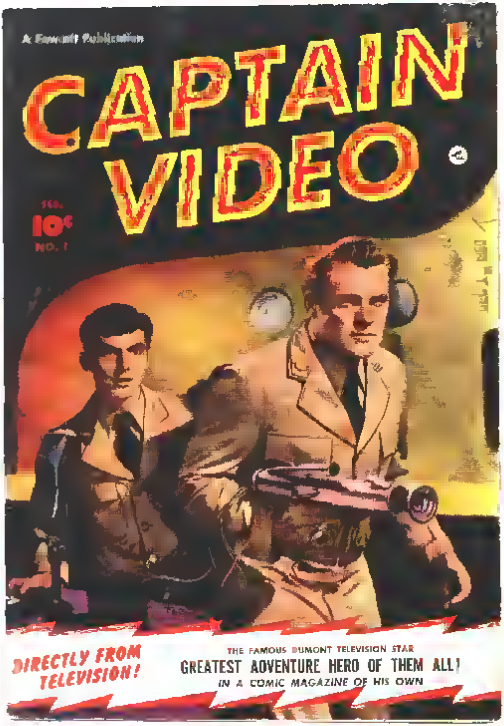
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THERE'S A MR. RAPHAEL HYPNOX TO SEE YOU, CAPTAIN! SURE IS A PECULIAR LOOKING BIRD! JUST LOOKING AT HIS EYES GIVES YOU THE CREEPS!

SHOW HIM IN, RANGER!

THE RANGER WAS RIGHT! HIS EYES DO HAVE A PECULIAR HYPNOTIC POWER.

CAPTAIN VIDEO, I'M SEEKING A PROFESSOR BRADLEY. WHILE I HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SOME OF HIS ASSOCIATES, I CAN'T SEEM TO LOCATE HIM. I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF HIS.

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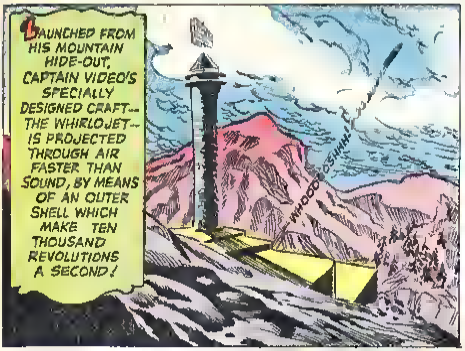
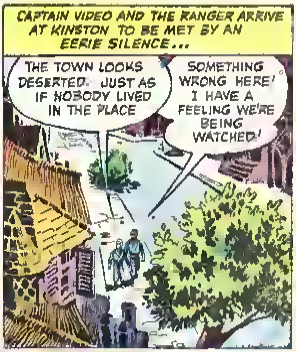
YES--- THE PROFESSOR AND I HAVE OFTEN WORKED TOGETHER. WILL YOU COME THIS WAY? I HAVE HIS ADDRESS IN THE NEXT ROOM.
GOOD. I KNEW I CAME TO THE RIGHT PLACE!
BEFORE I TELL YOU WHERE THE PROFESSOR IS, I THINK IT ONLY FAIR TO THE PROFESSOR IF YOU TELL ME WHY YOU WANT TO SEE HIM. HE GAVE ME THE ADDRESS IN CONFIDENCE.
THAT IS NO BUSINESS OF YOURS!
SO---!
JUST HAND THAT PAPER OVER, OR IT SHALL BE MY PLEASANT DUTY TO PUT A BULLET THROUGH YOUR HEART.
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO! HERE---!
AT LAST!
YOU--E JUST A LITTLE TOO EAGER TO SUIT ME!
CURSE YOU---!
BANG!
TOO BAD I LEFT MY ELECTRONIC GUN IN THE LAB!
BANG! BANG!
OUR LITTLE VISITOR ESCAPED OUT OF THE WINDOW! HE WANTED PROFESSOR BRADLEY'S ADDRESS! YOU KNOW, HE MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF IT BEFORE I PULLED IT AWAY! C'MON - WE'LL PICK UP THE WHIRLOJET AT THE LAB, AND SHOOT DOWN TO KINSTON AND CHECK WITH THE PROFESSOR!


LAUNCHED FROM HIS MOUNTAIN HIDE-OUT, CAPTAIN VIDEO'S SPECIALLY DESIGNED CRAFT--THE WHIRLJET--IS PROJECTED THROUGH AIR FASTER THAN SOUND, BY MEANS OF AN OUTER SHELL WHICH MAKE TEN THOUSAND REVOLUTIONS A SECOND!
WHOOO
SSHHH


CAPTAIN VIDEO AND THE RANGER ARRIVE AT KINSTON TO BE MET BY AN EERIE SILENCE...
THE TOWN LOOKS DESERTED. JUST AS IF NOBODY LIVED IN THE PLACE
SOMETHING WRONG HERE! I HAVE A FEELING WE'RE BEING WATCHED!

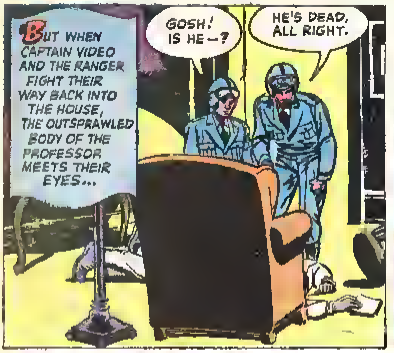
THE DEVIL HAS SENT MORE OF HIS DISCIPLES! WE ARE LOST!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? HE TOOK ONE LOOK AT US AND RAN AS IF HE HAD SEEN A DEMON!
HE CERTAINLY SEEMED TERRIFIED ALL RIGHT!

THEY'RE CRACKPOTS! ALL THEY DO IS PEEK OUT AT US!
HMM -- I'M AFRAID THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT! IT'S TOO WIDESPREAD! DO WE REALLY LOOK THAT FEARSOME RANGER?
SLAM!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AS THEY ARRIVE AT PROFESSOR BRADLEY'S HOUSE...
CAPTAIN VIDEO! COME IN--COME IN! I'M GLAD YOU CAME BY! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SUMMON YOU!
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS TOWN PROFESSOR?

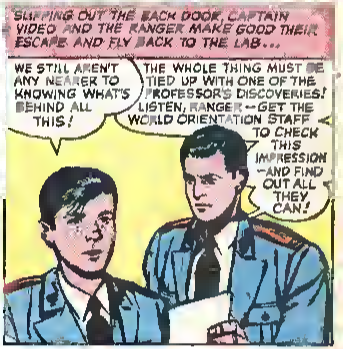
IT ALL STARTED HERE THIS MORNING, AND BECAUSE OF THE STRANGE HYSTERIA THAT HAS GRIPPED THE TOWN, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO THE IMPORTANT WORK I'M ENGAGED IN!
THEN YOU CAN'T MAKE HEAD OR TAIL OUT OF IT, EITHER!

I KNOW IT IS ALL DIRECTED AGAINST ME! I MUST DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU FURTHER AND GIVE YOU THIS LIST OF NAMES--
JUST A MINUTE, PROFESSOR! SOUNDS LIKE A RIOT OUTSIDE!
LOOK! IT'S MR. HYPNOX!
THERE--BEHIND THOSE WALLS STANDS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CROP FAILURES--FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S ILLNESS! UNLESS YOU DESTROY HIM -- HE WILL DESTROY YOU!
SAVE YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES! DEATH TO THE PROFESSOR!
THE TOWNFOLK ARE CONVINCED I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THEIR MISFORTUNES IN THE PAST TEN YEARS! I'D BETTER GO OUT AND TRY TO REASON WITH THEM!
THEY WON'T LISTEN TO YOU! I'LL GO OUT AND TALK TO THEM!
AND THERE'S THE DEVIL'S OWN APPRENTICE! SEE THAT STRANGE GARB OF HIS! HE HAS COME TO HELP THE PROFESSOR BRING RUIN TO THE TOWN!
LISTEN TO ME, MEN! THIS CHARLATAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF RAPHAEL HYPNOX HAS BEEN PREYING ON YOUR SUPERSTITIOUS FEARS! HE HAS HYPNOTIZED YOU INTO BELIEVING HIS LIES ABOUT THE PROFESSOR!
GET OUT! GET OUT OF TOWN!
YOU'VE ALL KNOWN PROFESSOR BRADLEY FOR YEARS. HE WORKS ONLY ON PROJECTS TO BENEFIT ALL HUMANITY! DON'T LET THIS FAKER FILL YOU WITH A LOT OF NAMELESS FEARS!
JUST WATCH US GO TO WORK!
STOP HIM! DON'T LET HIM TALK! THESE FOOLS ARE BEGINNING TO LISTEN! MEANWHILE, I'LL SLIP INSIDE AND GET THE PROFESSOR!
YOU CAN'T FOOL US WITH THOSE FANCY WORDS! GET HIM, BOYS!
BACK TO THE HOUSE, RANGER! THIS MAY BE A DIVERSION TO GET AT THE PROFESSOR! HE'S ALONE--!
KILL HIM!
POW
OOOF!
BAM

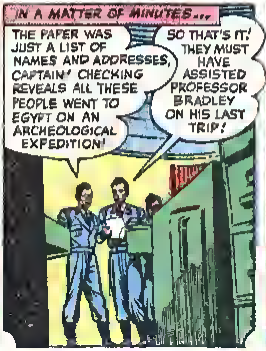

BUT WHEN CAPTAIN VIDEO AND THE RANGER FIGHT THEIR WAY BACK INTO THE HOUSE, THE OUTSPRAWLED BODY OF THE PROFESSOR MEETS THEIR EYES...
GOSH! IS HE—?
HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT.

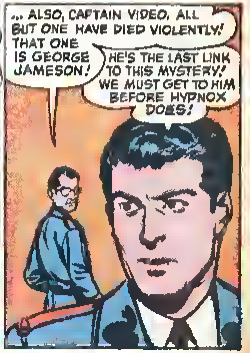
LOOK! THAT TOP PAGE OF THE PAD HE'D WRITTEN ON TO GIVE US HAS BEEN TAKEN! BUT THIS NEXT PAGE HAS THE IMPRESSIONS!
THE MOB IS HEADING THIS WAY, CAPTAIN!

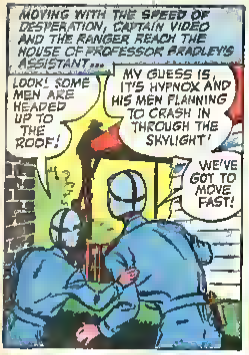
AFTER WHAT THEY DID TO THE PROFESSOR, YOU'D BETTER USE THE ELECTRONIC RAY TO WARD THEM OFF, CAPTAIN!
THEY DIDN'T KILL THE PROFESSOR! HYNOX WANTED IT TO APPEAR THAT WAY! WE'D BETTER GO, OR I MAY BE COMPELLED TO HURT SOMEONE!

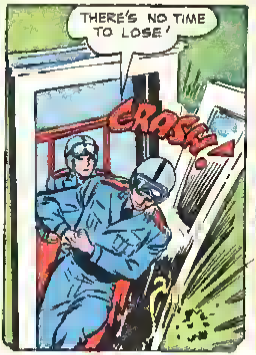

SLIPPING OUT THE BACK DOOR, CAPTAIN VIDEO AND THE RANGER MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE AND FLY BACK TO THE LAB...
WE STILL AREN'T any NEARER TO KNOWING WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS!
THE WHOLE THING MUST BE TIED UP WITH ONE OF THE PROFESSOR'S DISCOVERIES! LISTEN, RANGER—GET THE WORLD ORIENTATION STAFF TO CHECK THIS IMPRESSION—AND FIND OUT ALL THEY CAN!

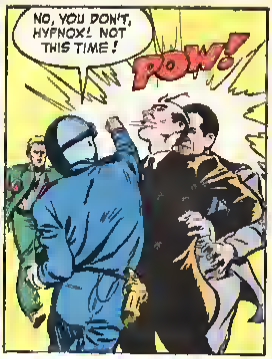
THE WORLD ORIENTATION STAFF IS A GROUP OF OUTSTANDING RESEARCH EXPERTS WORKING TO KEEP CAPTAIN VIDEO INFORMED ABOUT PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE FAR CORNERS OF THE EARTH!

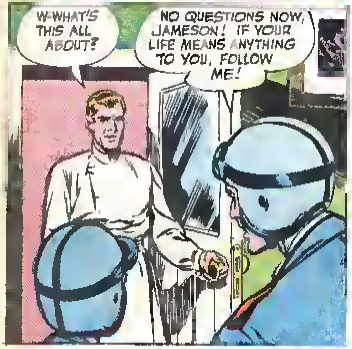

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...
THE PAPER WAS JUST A LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES, CAPTAIN! CHECKING REVEALS ALL THESE PEOPLE WENT TO EGYPT ON AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION!
SO THAT'S IT! THEY MUST HAVE ASSISTED PROFESSOR BRADLEY ON HIS LAST TRIP!

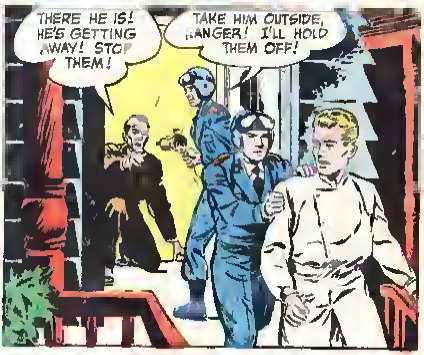

... ALSO, CAPTAIN VIDEO, ALL BUT ONE HAVE DIED VIOLENTLY! THAT ONE IS GEORGE JAMESON!
HE'S THE LAST LINK TO THIS MYSTERY! WE MUST GET TO HIM BEFORE HYPNOX DOES!


MOVING WITH THE SPEED OF DESPERATION, CAPTAIN VIDEO AND THE RANGER REACH THE HOUSE OF PROFESSOR BRADLEY'S ASSISTANT...
LOOK! SOME MEN ARE HEADED UP TO THE ROOF!
MY GUESS IS, IT'S HYPNOX AND HIS MEN PLANNING TO CRASH IN THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT!
WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST!

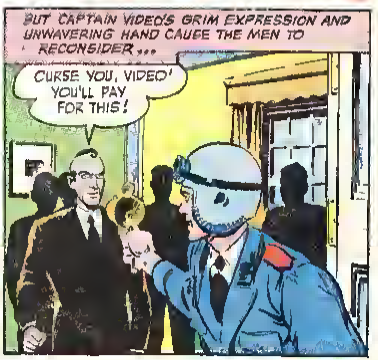

THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!
CRASH!

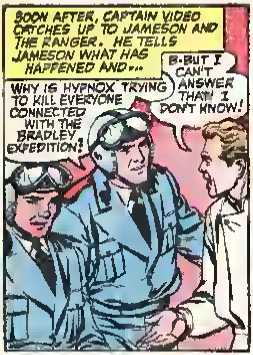

NO, YOU DON'T, HYPNOX! NOT THIS TIME!
POW!

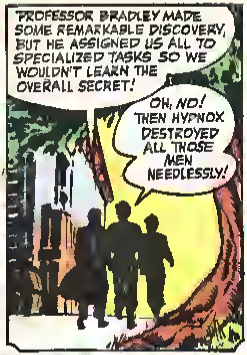

W-WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
NO QUESTIONS NOW, JAMESON! IF YOUR LIFE MEANS ANYTHING TO YOU, FOLLOW ME!


THERE HE IS! HE'S GETTING AWAY! STOP THEM!
TAKE HIM OUTSIDE, RANGER! I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

GET HIM!
DON'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP... OR I'LL FIRE!

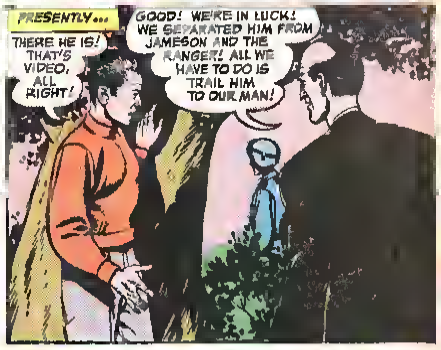

BUT CAPTAIN VIDEO'S GRIM EXPRESSION AND UNWAVERING HAND CAUSE THE MEN TO RECONSIDER...
CURSE YOU, VIDEO! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!


SOON AFTER, CAPTAIN VIDEO CATCHES UP TO JAMESON AND THE RANGER. HE TELLS JAMESON WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND...
WHY IS HYPNOX TRYING TO KILL EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THE BRADLEY EXPEDITION?
B-BUT I CAN'T ANSWER THAT! I DON'T KNOW!


PROFESSOR BRADLEY MADE SOME REMARKABLE DISCOVERY, BUT HE ASSIGNED US ALL TO SPECIALIZED TASKS SO WE WOULDN'T LEARN THE OVERALL SECRET!
OH, NO! THEN HYPNOX DESTROYED ALL THOSE MEN NEEDLESSLY!

WITH THE PROFESSOR DEAD, WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT THE TRUTH!
WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE! HYPNOX THINKS JAMESON HAS THE SECRET! WE'LL GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO GET AT JAMESON!

Y-YOU MEAN YOU'D RISK THIS MAN'S LIFE?
YOU OUGHT TO KNOW BETTER THAN THAT, RANGER. YOU GET JAMESON BACK TO MY SECRET LABORATORY! I'M GOING TO SHOW MYSELF AND DECOY HYPNOX INTO FOLLOWING ME!

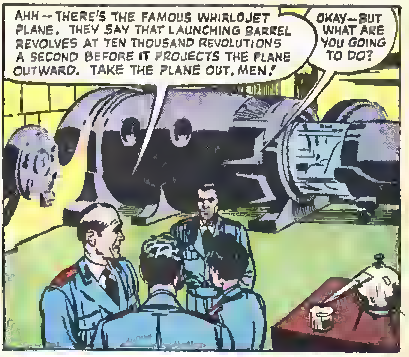

PRESENTLY...
THERE HE IS! THAT'S VIDEO, ALL RIGHT!
GOOD! WE'RE IN LUCK! WE SEPARATED HIM FROM JAMESON AND THE RANGER! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TRAIL HIM TO OUR MAN!

THEY TOOK THE BAIT! HERE THEY COME!

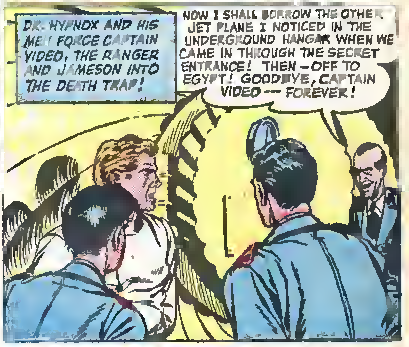
LEAVING A TRAIL FOR HYPNOX TO FOLLOW, CAPTAIN VIDEO GOES TO HIS MOUNTAIN RETREAT. SOON---
THEY'LL BE PULLING IN HERE ANY MINUTE NOW, RANGER -- AND THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO BE READY FOR THEM!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT!

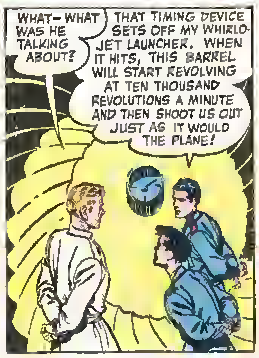
BUT, WHEN AN HOUR PASSES WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF HYPNOX AND HIS GANG...
WHERE COULD THEY BE? ARE YOU SURE THEY FOLLOWED YOU, CAPTAIN VIDEO?
POSITIVE! THEY MAY BE HIDING OUT THERE SOMEWHERE -- PLAYING IT CAGEY!
WHO ARE THOSE MEN BACK THERE?
THEY'RE JUST A GROUP OF OUR RANGERS WHO ARE COMING UP TO REPORT! MAYBE HYPNOX SUSPECTED SOMETHING AND DECIDED NOT TO ATTACK!
SEVERAL TENSEFUL MINUTES LATER, A REAR DOOR IS WRENCHED OPEN! SUDDENLY...
DON'T MOVE, VIDEO! WE HAVE YOU COVERED!
DR HYPNOX -- AND -- AND RANGERS -- !
THEY'RE NOT OUR RANGERS!
NATURALLY NOT! I OBSERVED SOME OF YOUR RANGERS REPORTING AT A SECRET ENTRANCE! WE BORROWED SOME OF THEIR UNIFORMS -- AFTER SOME PERSUASION -- AND HERE WE ARE!
ONCE THEY'RE OUT OF THE WAY, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYONE ELSE! WE CAN TAKE OFF FOR EGYPT!
YES -- AND FOR THE ANCIENT CITY THAT THE PROFESSOR DISCOVERED, A THOUSAND YEARS AHEAD OF US SCIENTIFICALLY!
FABULOUS INVENTIONS WORTH MILLIONS WILL BE MINE! "THROUGH A CENTRAL ENERGIZER, THESE ANCIENT PEOPLE HARNESSED THE SUN'S POWER TO ACCOMPLISH TECHNICAL MIRACLES!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED TO DESTROY EVERYONE WHO HAD BEEN ON PROFESSOR BRADLEY'S EXPEDITION!
NO ONE MUST SHARE THE WEALTH THAT WILL BE MINE RESULTING FROM THOSE PRICELESS SECRETS! IT IS GREATER THAN ATOMIC POWER!

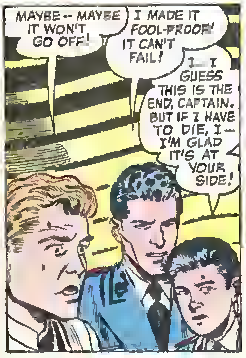
YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO REVEAL ANY OF THIS, CAPTAIN VIDEO! SHOOTING WOULD BE TOO CRUDE. I THINK IT FITTING IF ONE OF YOUR OWN INVENTIONS FINISHED YOU OFF!


AHH -- THERE'S THE FAMOUS WHIRLOJET PLANE. THEY SAY THAT LAUNCHING BARREL REVOLVES AT TEN THOUSAND REVOLUTIONS A SECOND BEFORE IT PROJECTS THE PLANE OUTWARD. TAKE THE PLANE OUT, MEN!
OKAY -- BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

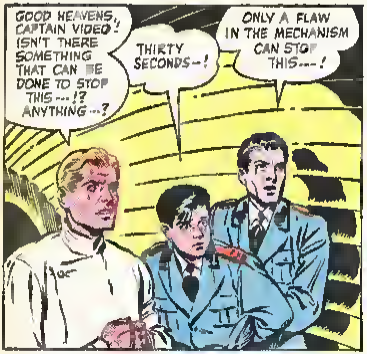
TIE THEM UP, MEN, WHILE I SET THE TIMING DEVICE ON THE LAUNCHER - THEY CAN WATCH THE SECONDS TICKING AWAY THEIR LIVES! YOU'LL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO LIVE! HEH, HEH! VERY INGENIOUS!

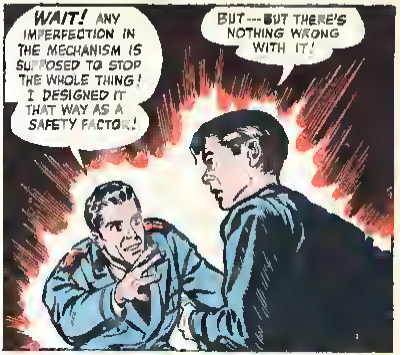

DR. HYPNOX AND HIS ME ! FORCE CAPTAIN VIDEO, THE RANGER AND J'MESON INTO THE DEATH TRAP!
NOW I SHALL BORROW THE OTHER JET PLANE I NOTICED IN THE UNDERGROUND HANGAR WHEN WE CAME IN THROUGH THE SECRET ENTRANCE! THEN -- OFF TO EGYPT! GOODBYE, CAPTAIN VIDEO -- FOREVER!


WHAT-- WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?
THAT TIMING DEVICE SETS OFF MY WHIRLOJET LAUNCHER. WHEN IT HITS, THIS BARREL WILL START REVOLVING AT TEN THOUSAND REVOLUTIONS A MINUTE AND THEN SHOOT US OUT JUST AS IT WOULD THE PLANE!

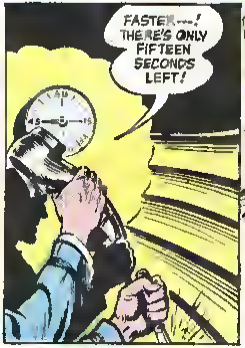

MAYBE -- MAYBE IT WON'T GO OFF!
I MADE IT FOOL-PROOF! IT CAN'T FAIL!
I -- I GUESS THIS IS THE END, CAPTAIN. BUT IF I HAVE TO DIE, I -- I'M GLAD IT'S AT YOUR SIDE!

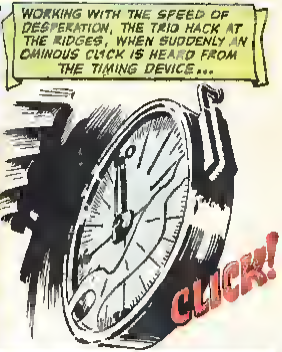
WHEN I MADE IT FOOL-PROOF, I NEVER DREAMED I'D BE SIGNING MY OWN DEATH WARRANT! ONE MINUTE TO GO! BUT AT LEAST I'M GETTING MY BONDS LOOSE NOW!


GOOD HEAVENS, CAPTAIN VIDEO! ISN'T THERE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP THIS---!? ANYTHING--?
THIRTY SECONDS--!
ONLY A FLAW IN THE MECHANISM CAN STOP THIS---!

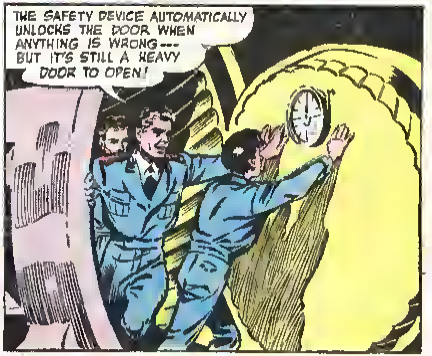

WAIT! ANY IMPERFECTION IN THE MECHANISM IS SUPPOSED TO STOP THE WHOLE THING! I DESIGNED IT THAT WAY AS A SAFETY FACTOR!
BUT---BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT!

BUT WE CAN MAKE A FLAW! EVEN THE SLIGHTEST IMPERFECTION WILL DO IT! SEE IF YOU CAN DENT ANY OF THESE RIDGES! CUT INTO IT---!


FASTER---! THERE'S ONLY FIFTEEN SECONDS LEFT!

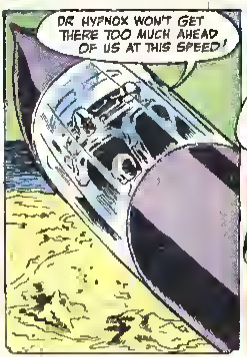

WORKING WITH THE SPEED OF DESPERATION, THE TRIO HACK AT THE RIDGES, WHEN SUDDENLY AN OMINOUS CLICK IS HEARD FROM THE TIMING DEVICE...
CLICK!

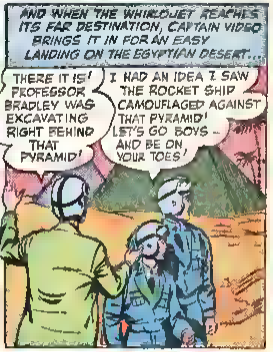
THE PRISONERS BRACE THEMSELVES FOR THE WHIRL THAT WILL BRING DEATH, AND ---
IT'S NOT MOVING! IT'S NOT MOVING!
WE DID IT! BY DENTING THOSE RIDGES WE STOPPED IT! NOW LET'S SEE IF WE CAN PUSH OPEN THE DOOR!


THE SAFETY DEVICE AUTOMATICALLY UNLOCKS THE DOOR WHEN ANYTHING IS WRONG--- BUT IT'S STILL A HEAVY DOOR TO OPEN!

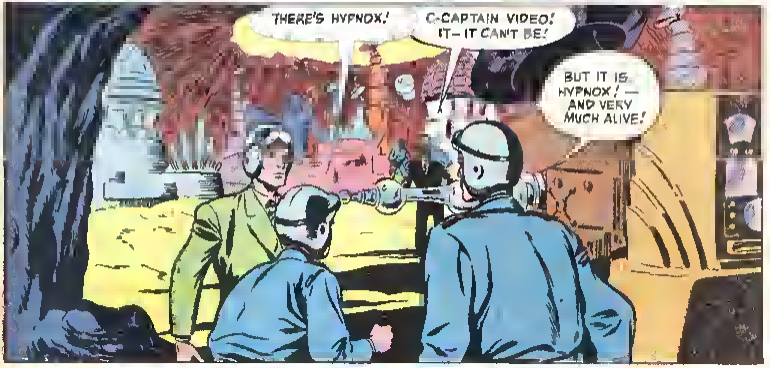
DR. HYPNOX STILL HAS US TO RECKON WITH — AND I INTEND TO CATCH UP WITH HIM!
BUT HE TOOK OUR EMERGENCY JET PLANE TO FLY TO EGYPT AND THE WHIRLOJET LAUNCHER IS ON THE FRITZ!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! JAMESON — COULD YOU FIND THE EXCAVATION OF THAT LOST CITY ONCE WE GOT TO EGYPT?
YES— I REMEMBER SOME OF THE LANDMARKS VERY WELL!
IF HYPNOX TAKES POSSESSION OF THE INVENTIONS FROM THAT LOST CIVILIZATION, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT RESULT! I MUST GET TO WORK AND FIX THE LAUNCHER RIGHT AWAY!
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE ME MORE THAN A FEW HOURS TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE! WE'LL BE TAKING OFF IMMEDIATELY AFTER!
WORKING FEVERISHLY, VIDEO REPAIRS THE WHIRLOJET LAUNCHER, AND...
WE'RE ALL SET TO GO! CLIMB IN, BOYS!
STRAP YOURSELVES IN! I'M GOING TO SET IT FOR THE TAKE-OFF! YOU'LL SEE JUST HOW THE THING WORKS NOW, JAMESON!
WHEN THE TIMING DEVICE GOES OFF, THE LAUNCHER SPINS THE OUTER SHELL OF THE WHIRLOJET INTO BLURRING ACTION, AND PLUMMETS THE CRAFT FORWARD!
TOWER
HANDLING CRANE RADIO-CONTROLLED
LAUNCHER
SECRET LAB
WALL CABINETS
LAUNCHING TUNNEL EXITS FROM MOUNTAINSIDE
WHIRLO MOTOR RECESSED IN WALL
LOADING CRADLE
CAPTAIN VIDEO'S H.Q.

A REVERBERATING ROAR FILLS THE MOUNTAIN TUNNEL AND THEN, LIKE A SHOOTING STAR, THE WHIRLOJET FLASHES INTO THE AIR...
WHOOOOOSH!



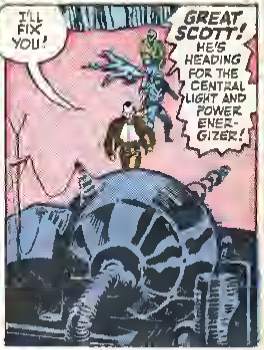

AND WHEN THE WHIRLOJET REACHES ITS FAR DESTINATION, CAPTAIN VIDEO BRINGS IT IN FOR AN EASY LANDING ON THE EGYPTIAN DESERT...
THERE IT IS! PROFESSOR BRADLEY WAS EXCAVATING RIGHT BEHIND THAT PYRAMID!
I HAD AN IDEA I SAW THE ROCKET SHIP CAMOUFLAGED AGAINST THAT PYRAMID! LET'S GO BOYS – AND BE ON YOUR TOES!

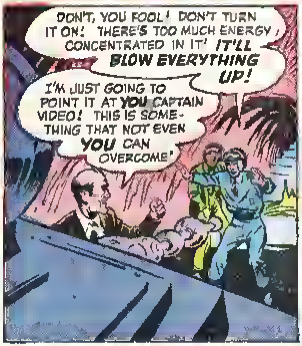
AN EYE-FILLING SIGHT GREETS CAPTAIN VIDEO AND HIS COMPANIONS AS THEY ENTER THE CITY OF ANOTHER ERA – A CITY DERIVING ITS ENERGY AND POWER FROM THE SOURCE OF LIGHT REFLECTED BY THE SUN..

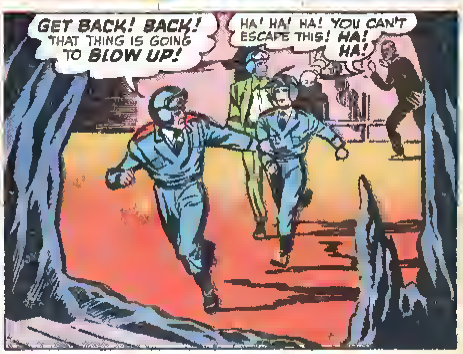


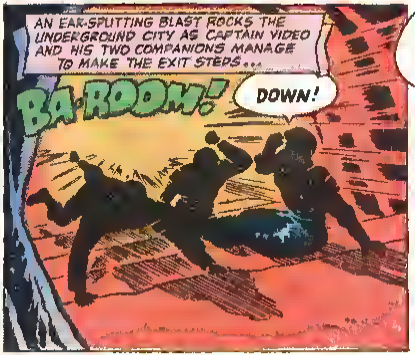
GET HIM! KILL HIM!
HE'S GOING FOR ONE OF THOSE "LIGHT RAY" GUNS!
WHAM!
SOK!

AGHHHH!
NO, YOU DON'T!


I'LL FIX YOU!
GREAT SCOTT! HE'S HEADING FOR THE CENTRAL LIGHT AND POWER ENERGIZER!

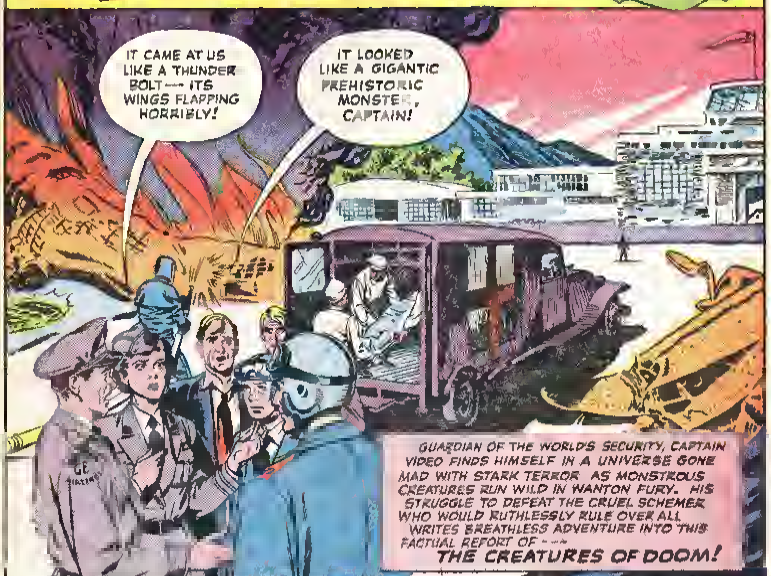

DON'T, YOU FOOL! DON'T TURN IT ON! THERE'S TOO MUCH ENERGY CONCENTRATED IN IT! IT'LL BLOW EVERYTHING UP!
I'M JUST GOING TO POINT IT AT YOU CAPTAIN VIDEO! THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NOT EVEN YOU CAN OVERCOME!

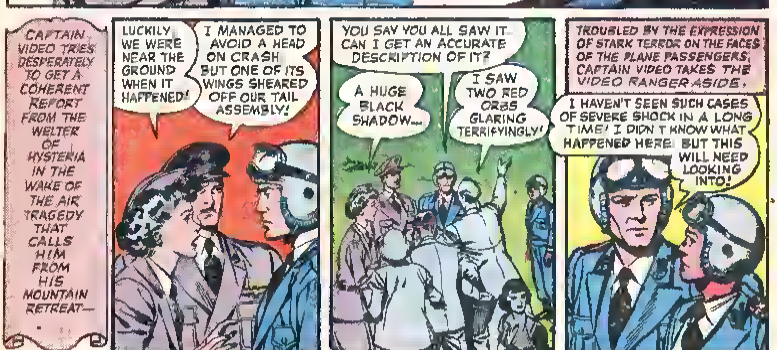

GET BACK! BACK! THAT THING IS GOING TO BLOW UP!
HA! HA! HA! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THIS! HA! HA!

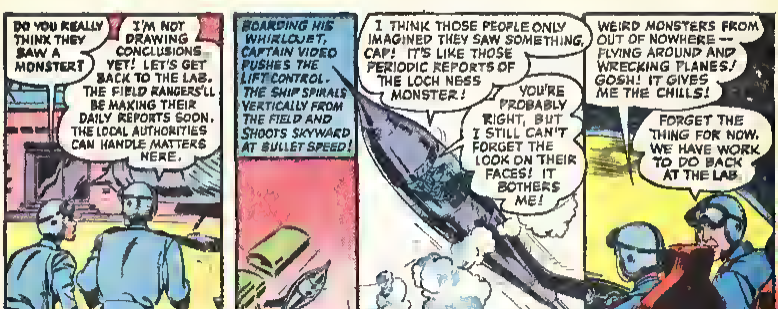

AN EAR-SPLITTING BLAST ROCKS THE UNDERGROUND CITY AS CAPTAIN VIDEO AND HIS TWO COMPANIONS MANAGE TO MAKE THE EXIT STEPS...
BA-ROOM!
DOWN!

NOTHING COULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT SHOCK DOWN THERE!
IT'S JUST AS WELL! THOSE INVENTIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN A TERRIBLE MENACE TO THE WORLD IN THE WRONG HANDS! HUMANITY WAS BOUND TO TRIP OVER IT! IT'S BETTER FOR EACH CIVILIZATION TO MAKE ITS OWN WAY—IN ITS OWN TIME!

Captain VIDEO and The Creatures of Doom!


IT CAME AT US LIKE A THUNDER BOLT— ITS WINGS FLAPPING HORRIBLY!
IT LOOKED LIKE A GIGANTIC PREHISTORIC MONSTER, CAPTAIN!
GUARDIAN OF THE WORLD'S SECURITY, CAPTAIN VIDEO FINDS HIMSELF IN A UNIVERSE GONE MAD WITH STARK TERROR AS MONSTROUS CREATURES RUN WILD IN WANTON FURY. HIS STRUGGLE TO DEFEAT THE CRUEL SCHEMER WHO WOULD RUTHLESSLY RULE OVER ALL WRITES BREATHLESS ADVENTURE INTO THIS FACTUAL REPORT OF — —
THE CREATURES OF DOOM!


CAPTAIN VIDEO TRIES DESPERATELY TO GET A COHERENT REPORT FROM THE WELTER OF HYSTERIA IN THE WAKE OF THE AIR TRAGEDY THAT CALLS HIM FROM HIS MOUNTAIN RETREAT—
LUCKILY, WE WERE NEAR THE GROUND WHEN IT HAPPENED!
I MANAGED TO AVOID A HEAD ON CRASH BUT ONE OF ITS WINGS SHEARED OFF OUR TAIL ASSEMBLY!
YOU SAY YOU ALL SAW IT. CAN I GET AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF IT?
A HUGE BLACK SHADOW...
I SAW TWO RED ORBS GLARING TERRIFYINGLY!
TROUBLED BY THE EXPRESSION OF STARK TERROR ON THE FACES OF THE PLANE PASSENGERS, CAPTAIN VIDEO TAKES THE VIDEO RANGER ASIDE.
I HAVEN'T SEEN SUCH CASES OF SEVERE SHOCK IN A LONG TIME! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE. BUT THIS WILL NEED LOOKING INTO!


DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY SAW A MONSTER?
I'M NOT DRAWING CONCLUSIONS YET! LET'S GET BACK TO THE LAB. THE FIELD RANGERS'LL BE MAKING THEIR DAILY REPORTS SOON. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES CAN HANDLE MATTERS HERE.
BOARDING HIS WHIRLJET, CAPTAIN VIDEO PUSHES THE LIFT CONTROL. THE SHIP SPIRALS VERTICALLY FROM THE FIELD AND SHOOTS SKYWARD AT BULLET SPEED!
I THINK THOSE PEOPLE ONLY IMAGINED THEY SAW SOMETHING, CAP! IT'S LIKE THOSE PERIODIC REPORTS OF THE LOCH NESS MONSTER!
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, BUT I STILL CAN'T FORGET THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES! IT BOTHERS ME!
WEIRD MONSTERS FROM OUT OF NOWHERE — FLYING AROUND AND WRECKING PLANES! GOSH! IT GIVES ME THE CHILLS!
FORGET THE THING FOR NOW. WE HAVE WORK TO DO BACK AT THE LAB.

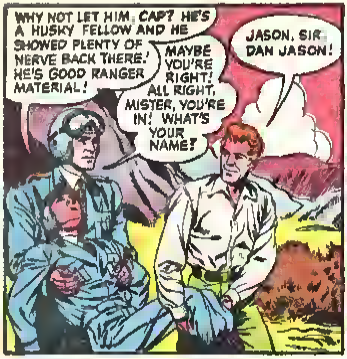
A FEW MINUTES LATER, STEPPING THROUGH THE LABORATORY OF CAPTAIN VIDEO'S MOUNTAIN RETREAT, HE ENTERS THE WORLD ORIENTATION SECTION ---
THE RANGER REPORTS ARE COMING IN. GRAB A HANDFUL AND LET'S SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD.
OKAY, CAP.
LISTEN TO THIS REPORT! THE WESTPORT NAVY YARD WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY SEVERAL HUGE CREATURES EARLY THIS MORNING!
COME ON! WE'RE TAKING OUT THE WHIRLJET! WE'VE GOT TO CHECK THESE REPORTS ON THE SPOT!
THE NEXT FEW DAYS ARE A NIGHTMARE OF ACTIVITY, FOR CAPTAIN VIDEO AS REPORTS POUR IN. A RADAR STATION ON THE EAST COAST IS ATTACKED...
OUR RADAR PICKED IT UP TWO HUNDRED MILES OUT. TWO MINUTES LATER, IT WAS ON US — A HUGE BLACK MASS! IT RIPPED THROUGH THE BASE LIKE AN EXPLOSION!

COASTAL DEFENSES ARE GUTTED!
NONE OF US SAW A THING — WE JUST HEARD A ROARING NOISE THAT BLASTED OUR EARDRUMS!
A TOWN NEAR A GOVERNMENT ATOMIC LABORATORY IS BLASTED!
THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE IN A STATE OF HYSTERIA! THEY'RE MUMBLING ABOUT MONSTERS THE SIZE OF FLYING BOXCARS!
THEY'RE LEAVING -- ALL OF THEM! WE'LL HAVE TO SHUT DOWN THE PLANTS! THAT STOPS ALL PRODUCTION ON ATOMIC WEAPONS!
GRAEMAR ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER

PANDEMONIUM REIGNS!
STOCK MARKET CRASHES! NEW LOW IN NATION'S HISTORY!
NEWS ITEM
MARKET CRASHES! GOVERNMENT HELPLESS TO CURB UNPRECEDENTED DROP!
The DISPATCH
STOCK MARKET CRASH! GOVERNMENT HELPLESS AS RECORD LOW IS REACHED!
MILLIONS OF INVESTORS WIPED OUT! CHAOS IN WALL STREET!
MARTIAL LAW DECLARED!
RIOTS!--
and LOOTING!
MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN VIDEO PUTS HIS RANGERS ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ALERT TO SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF THE STRANGE CREATURES. AT LAST, RANGER BLAUVELT MAKES AN EXCITING REPORT--
IT'S HAPPENED, SIR! WE'VE SPOTTED ONE OF THE MONSTERS! THE LATEST REPORT-- PUTS IT IN AREA 9, SECTION 4, OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF NEWTON!
GOOD! I'M CUTTING YOU OFF FOR NOW, BUT KEEP YOUR KEY OPEN FOR ORDERS!
TURN ON THE OPTICON SCILLOMETER! WE'RE GOING TO SIGHT-HUNT THAT NEWTON MONSTER! I'LL GIVE YOU THE TRIANGULATION SIGHTINGS IN JUST A MOMENT!
YES, SIR!
OKAY--HERE WE GO! POWER ON TO TRIANGULATION! NORTHEAST FROM 0 DEGREES, TWELVE POINT THREE. GOT IT?
0 DEGREES, TWELVE POINT THREE. RIGHT!
AS CAPTAIN VIDEO RELAYS HIS SIGHTINGS TO THE VIDEO RANGER, THE LATTER SLOWLY TURNS THE SIGHTING SHAFT WHICH CONTROLS THE GIANT SUPER-SENSITIVE PICK-UP SCREEN ON THE SUMMIT OF THE LABORATORY---

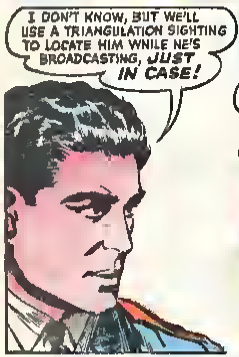
AND--
WE'VE GOT NEWTON, SIR! NOW I'LL START MAKING A SWEEP!
WAIT! THAT MAN--! SOMETHING'S CHASING HIM!
I'LL SAY! HE'S HALF CRAZY WITH TERROR! SOME THING BIG'S COMING THROUGH THE WOODS! IT'S KNOCKING TREES DOWN LIKE MATCHSTICKS!
HOLD THE OPTICON SCILLOMETER THERE! PERHAPS NOW, WE'LL SEE--
--THE MONSTER!
HOLY SMOKES! WHAT IS IT?
NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS NOW! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT THERE! COME ON!
THEY ENTER THE TAKEOFF TUNNEL--AND THE WHIRLOJET PROJECTS THEM OUTWARD AT AN INCREDIBLE RATE OF SPEED. SOON... OVER THE MEADOW WHERE THEY SPOTTED THE MONSTER--
CAP! IT'S DOWN BELOW US! IT SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO GET AT SOMETHING IN THAT ROCK CREVICE!
PROBABLY THE MAN IT WAS CHASING! HANG ON! I'M TAKING US DOWN!
BREAK OUT THE ELECTRONIC RAY GUNS WE'RE GOING TO NEED HEAVY PROTECTION!
YOU SAID IT, CAP!
AS THE WHIRLOJET LANDS CAPTAIN VIDEO AND THE RANGER LEAP OUT AND CLOSE IN ON THE MONSTER--
WOW! IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE ICE AGE!
WE'RE GOING TO DRAW THIS THING OFF AND GIVE THAT TRAPPED MAN A CHANCE TO RUN!
WATCH IT, CAP! --HE'S COMING FOR US!
RUN, MISTER-- FAST!

THE NIGHTMARISH MONSTER RUSHES THE VIDEO RANGER! AT THE SAME TIME, THE MAN THEY'VE RESCUED THROWS A STONE AT THE BEAST! IT SAILS THROUGH THE AIR AND--
HEY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO STRIKE THE VIDEO RANGER LET ME HELP!
KEEP BACK! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!
CAP! HELP ME!
BLAT! BLAT!
HURT BY CAPTAIN VIDEO'S CRIPPLING SHOTS, THE CREATURE DROPS THE RANGER AND TURNS ON ITS TORMENTOR--
THANK HEAVENS, IT'S DROPPED HIM!
BLAT! BLAT-BLAT!
HEY! WATCH IT!
YOU FACED IT DOWN, CAPTAIN VIDEO! THE BEAST'S RUNNING!
HELP ME WITH THE RANGER! I THINK HE'S HURT!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MY LEFT LEGS HURT! LOOKS AS IF I WON'T BE OF MUCH USE TO YOU FOR AWHILE!
DON'T MIND ABOUT THAT NOW. LET'S GET HIM TO THE PLANE!
LET ME TAKE HIS PLACE! PLEASE, CAPTAIN VIDEO, I WANT TO SERVE YOU! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN REALLY THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE!

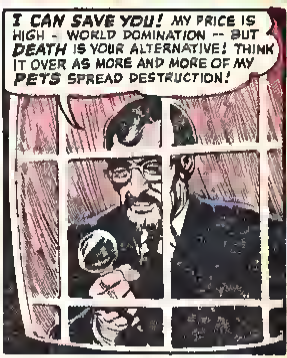

WHY NOT LET HIM, CAP? HE'S A HUSKY FELLOW AND HE SHOWED PLENTY OF NERVE BACK THERE! HE'S GOOD RANGER MATERIAL!
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! ALL RIGHT, MISTER, YOU'RE IN! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
JASON, SIR. DAN JASON!

RETURNING TO THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT, CAPTAIN VIDEO AND HIS PARTY ENTER THE LABORATORY IN TIME TO HEAR A VOICE COME OVER THE RADIO--

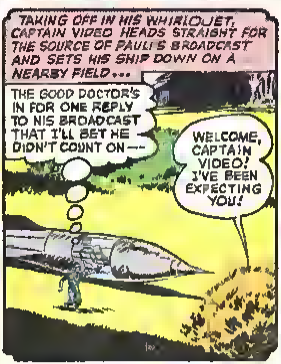
ATTENTION! ATTENTION! DOCTOR PAUL! WILL BROADCAST AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE!
DOCTOR PAUL? IS HE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE MONSTERS?

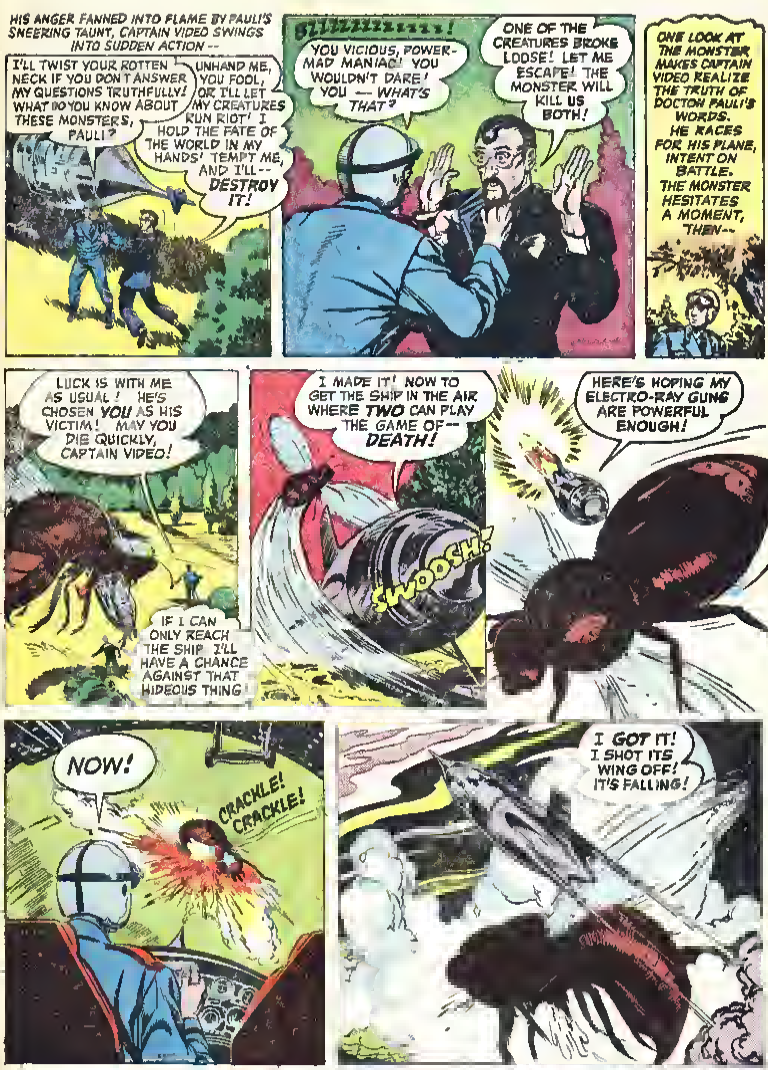


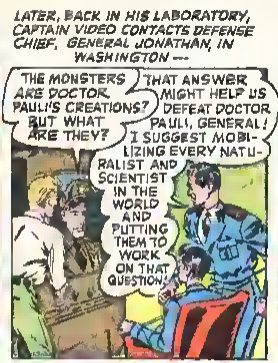
AS DOCTOR PAUL'S VOICE COMES OVER THE AIR, THE OPTICON SCILLOMETER QUICKLY LOCATES ITS SOURCE, AND --
MY GIANT CREATURES ARE STALKING THE WORLD, CREATING CHAOS! YOUR GOVERNMENTS ARE HELPLESS EVEN CAPTAIN VIDEO CAN DO NOTHING...

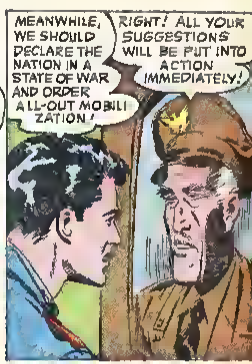

I CAN SAVE YOU! MY PRICE IS HIGH - WORLD DOMINATION -- BUT DEATH IS YOUR ALTERNATIVE! THINK IT OVER AS MORE AND MORE OF MY PETS SPREAD DESTRUCTION!

HE IS BEHIND THE MONSTERS!
EITHER THAT, OR HE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION THEY'RE CREATING! I'M GOING TO SEE HIM --ALONE! JASON CAN GET A DOCTOR FOR THAT LEG OF YOURS!

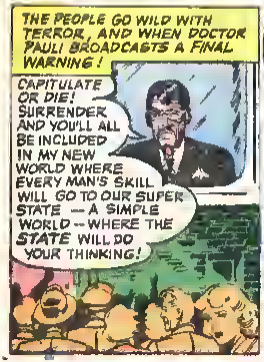

TAKING OFF IN HIS WHIRLOJET, CAPTAIN VIDEO HEADS STRAIGHT FOR THE SOURCE OF PAUL'S BROADCAST AND SETS HIS SHIP DOWN ON A NEARBY FIELD...
THE GOOD DOCTOR'S IN FOR ONE REPLY TO HIS BROADCAST THAT I'LL BET HE DIDN'T COUNT ON --
WELCOME, CAPTAIN VIDEO! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!

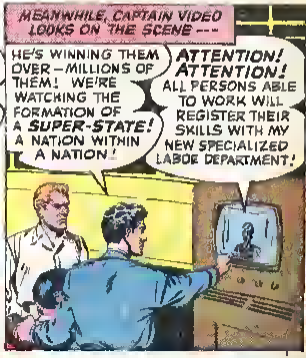

HIS ANGER FANNED INTO FLAME BY PAULI'S SNEERING TAUNT, CAPTAIN VIDEO SWINGS INTO SUDDEN ACTION --
I'LL TWIST YOUR ROTTEN NECK IF YOU DON'T ANSWER MY QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE MONSTERS, PAULI?
UNHAND ME, YOU FOOL, OR I'LL LET MY CREATURES RUN RIOT! I HOLD THE FATE OF THE WORLD IN MY HANDS! TEMPT ME, AND I'LL-- DESTROY IT!
SZZZZZZZZZZZ!
YOU VICIOUS, POWER-MAD MANIAC! YOU WOULDN'T DARE! YOU -- WHAT'S THAT?
ONE OF THE CREATURES BROKE LOOSE! LET ME ESCAPE! THE MONSTER WILL KILL US BOTH!
ONE LOOK AT THE MONSTER MAKES CAPTAIN VIDEO REALIZE THE TRUTH OF DOCTOR PAULI'S WORDS. HE RACES FOR HIS PLANE, INTENT ON BATTLE. THE MONSTER HESITATES A MOMENT, THEN--
LUCK IS WITH ME AS USUAL! HE'S CHOSEN YOU AS HIS VICTIM! MAY YOU DIE QUICKLY, CAPTAIN VIDEO!
IF I CAN ONLY REACH THE SHIP, I'LL HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST THAT HIDEOUS THING!
I MADE IT! NOW TO GET THE SHIP IN THE AIR WHERE TWO CAN PLAY THE GAME OF-- DEATH!
SWOOSH!
HERE'S HOPING MY ELECTRO-RAY GUNS ARE POWERFUL ENOUGH!
NOW!
CRACKLE! CRACKLE!
I GOT IT! I SHOT ITS WING OFF! IT'S FALLING!

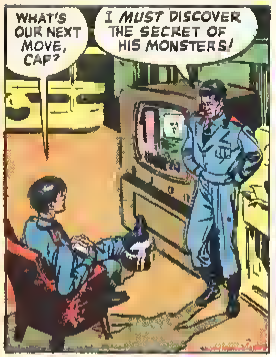

LATER, BACK IN HIS LABORATORY, CAPTAIN VIDEO CONTACTS DEFENSE CHIEF, GENERAL JONATHAN, IN WASHINGTON ---
THE MONSTERS ARE DOCTOR PAULI'S CREATIONS? BUT WHAT ARE THEY?
THAT ANSWER MIGHT HELP US DEFEAT DOCTOR PAULI, GENERAL! I SUGGEST MOBILIZING EVERY NATURALIST AND SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD AND PUTTING THEM TO WORK ON THAT QUESTION!

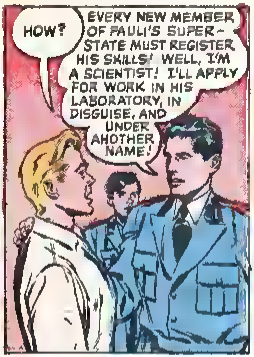

MEANWHILE, WE SHOULD DECLARE THE NATION IN A STATE OF WAR AND ORDER A ALL-OUT MOBILIZATION!
RIGHT! ALL YOUR SUGGESTIONS WILL BE PUT INTO ACTION IMMEDIATELY!

BUT DOCTOR PAULI SEEMS TO ANTICIPATE THE DEFENSE CHIEF'S MOVES AND HE TAKES COUNTER MEASURES; SHIFTING THE DIRECTION OF HIS MONSTERS AWAY FROM THE MILITARY AND ONTO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION--


THE PEOPLE GO WILD WITH TERROR, AND WHEN DOCTOR PAULI BROADCASTS A FINAL WARNING!
CAPITULATE OR DIE! SURRENDER AND YOU'LL ALL BE INCLUDED IN MY NEW WORLD WHERE EVERY MAN'S SKILL WILL GO TO OUR SUPER STATE — A SIMPLE WORLD -- WHERE THE STATE WILL DO YOUR THINKING!

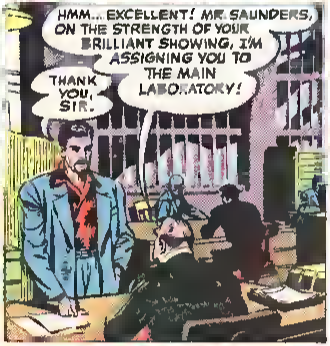

MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN VIDEO LOOKS ON THE SCENE ---
HE'S WINNING THEM OVER — MILLIONS OF THEM! WE'RE WATCHING THE FORMATION OF A SUPER-STATE! A NATION WITHIN A NATION!
ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ALL PERSONS ABLE TO WORK WILL REGISTER THEIR SKILLS WITH MY NEW SPECIALIZED LABOR DEPARTMENT!

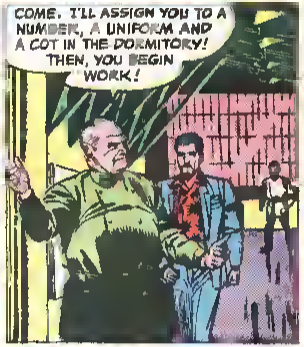


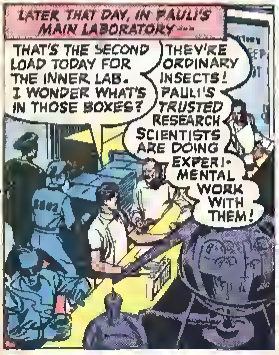

HOW?
EVERY NEW MEMBER OF PAULI'S SUPER-STATE MUST REGISTER HIS SKILLS! WELL, I'M A SCIENTIST! I'LL APPLY FOR WORK IN HIS LABORATORY, IN DISGUISE, AND UNDER ANOTHER NAME!

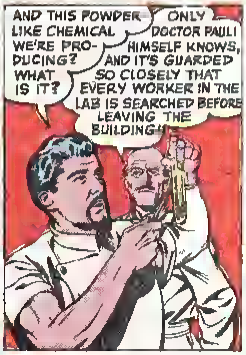
IN THAT WAY, YOU CAN SPY ON HIM! SWELL! BUT WHAT ABOUT US!
YOU'LL HAVE TO SIT TIGHT UNTIL I CONTACT YOU BY THIS MINIATURE TELEVISION SET!

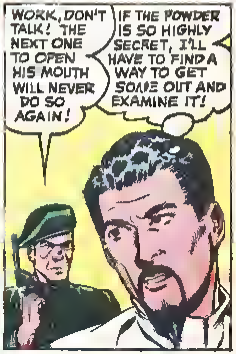
SOMETIME LATER, DISGUISED, CAPTAIN VIDEO APPLIES FOR SCIENTIFIC POSITION IN DOCTOR PAULI'S GOVERNMENT. AFTER TAKING A SERIES OF TESTS--


HMM... EXCELLENT! MR. SAUNDERS, ON THE STRENGTH OF YOUR BRILLIANT SHOWING, I'M ASSIGNING YOU TO THE MAIN LABORATORY!
THANK YOU, SIR.



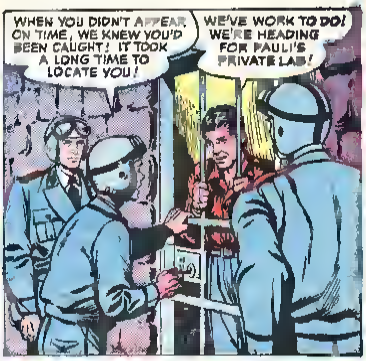

LATER THAT DAY, IN PAULI'S MAIN LABORATORY---
THAT'S THE SECOND LOAD TODAY FOR THE INNER LAB. I WONDER WHAT'S IN THOSE BOXES?
THEY'RE ORDINARY INSECTS! PAULI'S TRUSTED RESEARCH SCIENTISTS ARE DOING EXPERIMENTAL WORK WITH THEM!


AND THIS POWDER WE'RE PRODUCING? WHAT IS IT?
ONLY DOCTOR PAULI HIMSELF KNOWS, AND IT'S GUARDED SO CLOSELY THAT EVERY WORKER IN THE LAB IS SEARCHED BEFORE LEAVING THE BUILDING!

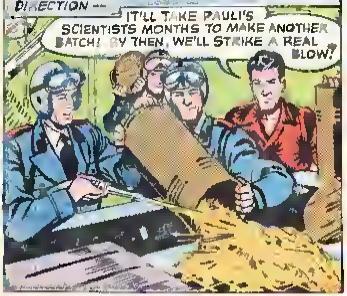

WORK, DON'T TALK! THE NEXT ONE TO OPEN HIS MOUTH WILL NEVER DO SO AGAIN!
IF THE POWDER IS SO HIGHLY SECRET, I'LL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO GET SOME OUT AND EXAMINE IT!

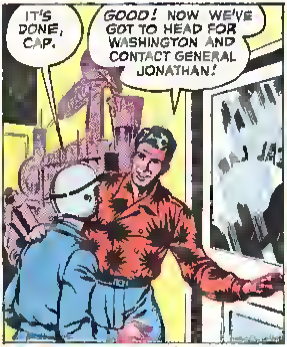
THAT NIGHT, IN THE BARRACKS WHERE THE WORKERS ARE QUARTERED CAPTAIN VIDEO WORKS PATIENTLY ON A SMALL PIECE OF SOFT METAL, MOLDING IT WITH HIS HANDS---
THE CAPSULE'S FINISHED! IT'S SMALL ENOUGH TO CONCEAL UNDER MY TONGUE, BUT BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD AN ADEQUATE SAMPLE OF THE POWDER!
TOMORROW, I'LL TAKE SOME OF THE POWDER OUT WITH ME, AND BY NIGHT-FALL, I MAY HAVE A FEW ANSWERS!
FILLING THE CAPSULE THE NEXT DAY, CAPTAIN VIDEO SMUGGLES IT OUT WITH HIM TO THE BARRACKS...
STRANGE, THE CHEMICAL SEEMS TO EXERT A STRONG ATTRACTION TO THAT MOSQUITO!
THE INSECT IS EATING THE STUFF!
AS CAPTAIN VIDEO WATCHES THE MOSQUITO, THE INSECT BEGINS TO GROW BEFORE HIS VERY EYES!
SO THAT'S IT! THIS IS GLANDULAR EXTRACT THAT ACCELERATES ABNORMAL GROWTH! DOCTOR PAULI'S MONSTERS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN COMMON INSECTS GROWN TO ENORMOUS SIZE!
CAPTAIN VIDEO CONTACTS RANGER AT THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT--
RANGER REPORTING ON CHANNEL X-2---
I'VE DISCOVERED PAULI'S SECRET! BRING THE RANGERS HERE! I'LL MEET---
HEY! -- SOMEONE'S COMING --!
SLAM!
DOCTOR PAULI, SIR-- I'M HONORED BY YOUR VISIT.
VERY CLEVER, CAPTAIN VIDEO! BUT THE GAME'S UP! THE AGENT I PLANTED IN YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS JUST REPORTED YOUR PRESENCE HERE!
JASON!
YES, I'M DOCTOR PAULI'S AGENT! MY ENCOUNTER WITH THE MONSTER WAS PLANNED, AS WAS THE VIDEO RANGER'S--- ACCIDENT! WE KNEW EVERY MOVE YOU PLANNED!
TAKE VIDEO AWAY!

STRIPPED OF ALL HIS DEVICES, CAPTAIN VIDEO IS FLUNG INTO PAULI'S DUNGEON. SEVERAL DAYS PASS IN AN AGONY OF UNCERTAINTY WHILE CAPTAIN VIDEO WONDERS ABOUT THE RANGER! THEN---

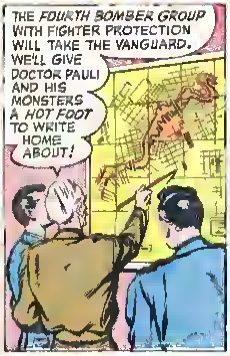

WHEN YOU DIDN'T APPEAR ON TIME, WE KNEW YOU'D BEEN CAUGHT! IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO LOCATE YOU!
WE'VE WORK TO DO! WE'RE HEADING FOR PAULI'S PRIVATE LAB!

RACING TO THE LAB, VIDEO'S RANGERS OVERCOME THE GUARDS AND BEGIN DUMPING THE GLANDULAR EXTRACT UNDER THEIR LEADER'S DIRECTION --





THE NEWS THAT CAPTAIN VIDEO BRINGS TO WASHINGTON ELECTRIFIES GENERAL JONATHAN. SOON, THE MILITARY MIGHT OF THE NATION RECEIVES ITS ORDERS...


THE FOURTH BOMBER GROUP WITH FIGHTER PROTECTION WILL TAKE THE VANGUARD. WE'LL GIVE DOCTOR PAULI AND HIS MONSTERS A HOT FOOT TO WRITE HOME ABOUT!

WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS, THE NATION'S MILITARY MACHINE IS ON THE MOVE---
WHILE AT HIS LAB, DOCTOR PAULI TRIES FRANTICALLY TO CREATE MORE MONSTERS TO BE USED AGAINST THE INVADERS--
IT'S NO USE DOCTOR PAULI -- THE POWDER'S NO GOOD! CAPTAIN VIDEO MUST HAVE DUMPED THE REAL STUFF AND SUBSTITUTED THIS WHEN HE ESCAPED!
RELEASE ALL THE CREATURES WE HAVE AGAINST THE INVADERS AND STAND CLEAR! I'LL TEACH THEM NOT TO DEFY ME!
THEN, THE BATTLE IS ON!
AND ON A HILLTOP, OVERLOOKING DOCTOR PAULI'S HEADQUARTERS, CAPTAIN VIDEO AND HIS RANGERS WATCH AMERICAN BOMBERS PUT AN END TO PAULI'S EVIL DREAMS OF CONQUEST--
THAT ENDS PAULI AND HIS EMPIRE!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
LATER---
DID YOU FIND DOCTOR PAULI'S BODY, LIEUTENANT?
NO, SIR! THERE'S NO TRACE OF DOCTOR PAULI -- DEAD OR ALIVE!
ANYWAY PAULI'S IDEA IS DEAD! HE'LL NOT MAKE TROUBLE FOR A LONG TIME!
LET'S HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, GENERAL!
BUT IS THE GENERAL RIGHT? IF DOCTOR PAULI REALLY HAS SURVIVED THE BOMBING, WILL HE BE CONTENT TO FORGET HIS DREAMS OF WORLD CONQUEST? ONLY FUTURE ADVENTURES OF THE CAPTAIN VIDEO COMIC MAGAZINE WILL REVEAL THE INCREDIBLE TRUTHS!